

WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
8TH DECEMBER 2022

PRESENT Councillor J Densem (Chairman)

Councillors J Chamberlain, J Chambers, J Cornell, S Edgar,
S Gladden, A Kiddie

APOLOGIES Councillors A Broome, E Franks, L Gill and R Schafer

IN ATTENDANCE Councillor J Clowes
2 Members of the public

65. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were invited to declare their interest in any item on the Agenda.
No declarations were made.

66. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 10th NOVEMBER 2022

RESOLVED: That the minutes of this meeting be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

67. MATTERS ARISING.

Englesea Brook Area – High Speed Broadband

Councillor J Chamberlain reported on the current position.

68. PRECEPT 2023/2024

Since the November meeting revised guidance had been received regarding the setting of the 2023/2024 budget for Weston and Crewe Green Parish Council.
The budget had been set by Cheshire East Council but this had now been withdrawn and a precept needed to be levied to finance the first financial year of the new Parish Council.

A draft budget had being prepared in consultation with representatives of Crewe Green Parish Council.

The current banking arrangements were being reviewed in readiness for the new Parish Council.

RESOLVED: That the precept for Weston and Crewe Green Parish Council for 2023/2024 be set at £45,250.

69. PLANNING MATTERS

The Chairman of the Planning Committee reported:-

(a) Meeting with Cheshire East Officers - Basford East; land to the west of David Whitby Way

The Planning Chairman thanked Councillor J Clowes for joining him for a site inspection to consider the intensity of the proposed development of this area and the dangers posed by the need to cross David Whitby Way to reach the new school and shops. The Parish Council's view was that this could be best achieved using a short underpass.

A meeting had also been held with Cheshire East Planning Officer and Engineers regarding this along with the Network Rail Application

(b) Neighbourhood Plan

A briefing meeting for Members had been arranged for Monday 12th December and a questionnaire would be distributed to residents to seek their views. These would be delivered in the coming weeks with a view to replies being received in late January 2023.

(c) Liaison meeting Onward / Lane End Basford East

A site meeting had been held and it was reported that there was interest from potential buyers of the new properties.

(d) HS2a progress report

A monitoring meeting had been arranged and Councillor J Clowes reported that public notices had been posted to give notice of Environmental Surveys.

RESOLVED: That Councillor A Kiddie be appointed to serve as a member of the Planning Committee.

70. WYCHWOOD VILLAGE HALL

It was reported that the switch on of the Christmas Lights had been most successful and well attended.

Details of the ground works carried out adjacent to the Village Hall were requested.

71. POLICE MATTERS

The 2 Police reports would be circulated to members as soon as possible.

72. REPORT OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Councillor J Clowes reported that Cheshire East Council had loaned bollards for the Wychwood Village lights switch on

Access Land Signs had been erected on Wychwood Country Park to advise walkers where they could go away from the paths

There was no further information regarding the proposed Road Traffic Orders

The requirements of the Enforcement Notice relating to the base of the former club house had not been fully met and this would be pursued

No formal complaint had been received by the Monitoring Officer from the Wychwood Residents Group

A quotation had been given to BOVIS for work which would enable highway adoptions but no response had been received

73. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor S Gladden reported that he had not received information on the 'Match my Project' scheme and had received an enquiry regarding plants to screen areas of the former golf course

Councillor A Kiddie reported that she had reported an incident of fly tipping in Mill Lane. The website was now up to date.

Councillor J Chambers reported that an HGV had been noted travelling along Main Road towards Weston Hall. A letter would be sent to the vehicle operator, with a copy to Cheshire East Council, advising that this was not permitted.

74. OPEN FORUM-QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

In accordance with the Standing Orders members of the public were invited to ask questions or address the Parish Council.

The blocked gully outside 48 Main Road was still not attended to despite having been reported originally in 2019.

There was confusion regarding the arrangements for the emptying of bins over the Christmas period. Councillor S Edgar was in correspondence regarding this.

75. FINANCIAL MATTERS

RESOLVED: That the following payments be approved: -

D G Owen Salary/expenses	1373.40
HMRC -Tax collected	443.22
J Cornell-Planning Resource subscription	440.00
D G Owen-Zoom Licence	143.88

76. DATE OF NEXT MEETING 12th JANUARY 2023.

77. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That, in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that the business to be transacted is of a confidential nature and the public interest would not be served by the disclosure of the information to be presented.

78. CORRESPONDENCE

Members considered a message received from a resident regarding unauthorised use of the former golf course by dog walkers.

RESOLVED: That the resident be advised to pursue this matter with the land owner and Cheshire East Environmental Health department.

CHAIRMAN